

## ***The American Spiritual Landscape and the Torah... Move Learning to Living Rabbi Brad Hirschfield***

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Genesis 12:1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְיָ הוּא אֶל־אַבְרָם לֵךְ־לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ וּמִמּוֹלֶדְתְּךָ  
וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאֶךָ: 2 וְאֶעֱשֶׂה לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל וְאֶבְרַכְךָ  
וְאֶגְדַּלְתָּ שְׁמִי וְהָיָה בְרָכָה: 3 וְאֶבְרַכְתָּה מְבָרְכֶיךָ וּמְקַלְלֶיךָ אָאֵר וְנִבְרַכְוּ  
בְּךָ כָּל מִשְׁפַּחַת הָאָדָמָה: 4 וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵלָיו יְיָ הוּא וַיֵּלֶךְ  
אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאַבְרָם בֶּן־חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה בְּצֵאתוֹ מִחָרָן: 5 וַיֵּקַח  
אַבְרָם אֶת־שָׂרִי אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת־לוֹט בֶּן־אָחִיו וְאֶת־כָּל־רִכּוּשָׁם אֲשֶׁר רָכְשׁוּ  
וְאֶת־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂוּ בַּחָרָן וַיֵּצְאוּ לָלֶכֶת אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶרֶץ  
כְּנָעַן: 6 וַיַּעֲבֹר אַבְרָם בָּאָרֶץ עַד מְקוֹם שָׁכֵם עַד אֵלּוֹן מוֹרָה וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי  
אִז בָּאָרֶץ: 7 וַיֵּרָא יְיָ הוּא אֶל־אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר לִזְרַעְךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת  
וַיְבִן שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה הַנִּרְאָה אֵלָיו: 8 וַיַּעֲתֵק מִשָּׁם הָהָרָה מִקְדָּם  
לְבֵית־אֵל וַיֵּט אֹהֶלָה בֵּית־אֵל מִיָּם וְהָעִי מִקְדָּם וַיְבִן־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה  
וַיִּקְרָא בָשֵׁם יְיָ הוּא: 9 וַיֵּסַע אַבְרָם הָלוֹךְ וְנִסּוּעַ הַנִּגְבָּה: 10



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Genesis 18:22 So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29 Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." 33 And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

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לפני יְהוָה: 23 וַיֵּנֶשׂ אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲאֵף תְּסַפֶּה צְדִיק עִם־רָשָׁע: 24 אוֹלֵי  
יֵשׁ חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הֲאֵף תְּסַפֶּה וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לְמָקוֹם לְמַעַן  
חֲמִשִּׁים הַצְדִּיקִים אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבָּהּ: 25 חָלָלָה לִךְ מַעֲשֵׂת כְּדָבָר הַזֶּה לְהַמִּית  
צְדִיק עִם־רָשָׁע וְהָיָה כְּצְדִיק כְּרָשָׁע חָלָלָה לִךְ הַשְׁפֵּט כָּל־הָאָרֶץ לֹא  
יַעֲשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט: 26 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אִם־אֶמְצָא בְּסֹדֶם חֲמִשִּׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ  
הָעִיר וְנִשְׁאַתִּי לְכָל־הַמָּקוֹם בְּעֶבּוֹרָם: 27 וַיַּעַן אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־נָא  
הוֹאֲלֹתִי לְדָבָר אֶל־אֲדֹנָי וְאֲנֹכִי עֹפֵר וְאַפֵּר: 28 אוֹלֵי יַחֲסֵרוֹן חֲמִשִּׁים  
הַצְדִּיקִים חֲמִשָּׁה הַתְּשֻׁחִית בְּחֲמִשָּׁה אֶת־כָּל־הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחִית  
אִם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וְחֲמִשָּׁה: 29 וַיִּסָּף עוֹד לְדָבָר אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אוֹלֵי  
יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אַעֲשֶׂה בְּעֶבּוֹר הָאַרְבָּעִים: 30 וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֶל־נָא יַחַר לֵאדֹנָי וְאֶדְבַּרְהָ אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אַעֲשֶׂה



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אִם-אֶמְצָא שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים: 31 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה-נָא הוֹאֲלֹתִי לְדָבָר אֶל-אֲדֹנִי אוֹלִי  
 יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם עֲשָׂרִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחִית בְּעֶבְדְּךָ הָעֲשָׂרִים: 32 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-נָא  
 יֵחָר לֵאדֹנִי וְאִדְבָּרָה אִתְּךָ הַפֶּעַם אוֹלִי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם עֲשָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא  
 אֲשַׁחִית בְּעֶבְדְּךָ הָעֲשָׂרָה: 33 וַיֵּלֶךְ יִהְיֶה כַּאֲשֶׁר כָּלָה לְדָבָר אֶל-אַבְרָהָם  
 וַאֲבָרָהֶם שָׁב לְמִקְמוֹ:

Genesis 22:1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

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 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי: 2 וַיֹּאמֶר קַח-נָא אֶת-בְּנֶךָ אֶת-יִצְחָק  
 אֲשֶׁר-אֹהֶבָתָּ אֶת-יִצְחָק וְלֶךְ-לְךָ אֶל-אֶרֶץ הַמֹּרְיָה וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל  
 אֶחָד הָהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אֹמֵר אֵלֶיךָ: 3 וַיִּשְׁכֶּם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֶּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ  
 אֶת-חֲמֹרֹו וַיִּקַּח אֶת-שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אֹתוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עָלָה  
 וַיִּקֶּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר-אָמַר-לּוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים: 4 בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיֵּשֶׁא  
 אַבְרָהָם אֶת-עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת-הַמָּקוֹם מֵרָחֵק: 5 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל-נַעֲרָיו  
 שְׁבוּ-לָכֶם פֹּה עִם-הַחֲמֹר וָאֲנִי וְהַנֶּעֱר נֵלְכָה עַד-כֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנָשׁוּבָה



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אֲלֵיכֶם: 6 וַיִּקַּח אֲבָרְהָם אֶת־עֵצִי הָעֵלָה וַיֵּשֶׁם עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּקַּח בִּידּוֹ  
אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו: 7 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אֲבָרְהָם  
אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים וְאִיהָ הַשָּׂה  
לָעֵלָה: 8 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָרְהָם אֱלֹהִים יִרְאֶה־לּוֹ הַשָּׂה לָעֵלָה בְּנִי וַיֵּלְכוּ  
שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו: 9 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּבֶן שָׁם  
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עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ מִמָּעַל לָעֵצִים: 10 וַיִּשְׁלַח אֲבָרְהָם אֶת־יִדְּדוֹ וַיִּקַּח  
אֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת לִשְׂחַט אֶת־בְּנוֹ: 11 וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו מִלֵּאדָּה יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָרְהָם אֲבָרְהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֵן.



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